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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Charles L. Turnbough
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For: PEPTIDE LIGANDS THAT BIND TO SURFACES OF BACTERIAL SPORES

Amendment to Claims

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the claims in the following manner, including the renumbering of the claim now listed as claim 29 to claim 26 in the following manner:

18. A composition of claim [21] 27 wherein the peptide ligand is in a liquid medium.
22. The composition of claim [21] 27 containing a tagged peptide ligand which binds with specificity to the surface of a B. anthracis spore, said ligand being bound to a solid support.
23. The composition of claim [21] 27 wherein the tagged peptide of 5-12 mers binds to a B. anthracis spore, said peptide containing either the sequence Thr-Ser-Gln-Asn-Val-Arg-Thr (TSQNVRT) (Seq. ID No. 40) or a sequence of the general formula Thr-Tyr-Pro-X-Pro-X-Arg (TYPXPXR), wherein X is Ile, Val or Leu.

26. [29.]

The composition of claim 23 wherein the petide ligand is in a

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